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## Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve News Release

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### NPS Search Crew Finds Body of Missing Person



**Photo of Nick Larsen - Kuskulana Bridge on July 31, 2017**

**Copper Center, AK:** On Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, search and rescue personnel located a body in the Nizina River that investigators believe to be 34 year-old Nick Larsen, from Oregon. The cause of death is pending determination by the State Medical Examiner Office. National Park Service personnel and SAR Team members were searching for Larsen within Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve. He was last seen on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in McCarthy, Alaska. The experienced hiker planned to backpack alone in the backcountry. A backpack was found on the Nizina River on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and helped to narrow the search area.

The National Park Service offers sincere condolences to the Larsen family and friends. The agency also wishes to thank the many individuals that helped provide information and those that provided assistance in the search.

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